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December 1, 1970

TO HIS HONOUR J. W. GRANT MacEWAN,
Lieutenant Governor
of the Province of Alberta

Sir:

I have the honour to present the First Annual Report of the Department of Social Development which covers the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1970.

R. A. Speaker,
Minister.

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April 1st, 1969 to March 31st, 1970

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CHILD WELFARE COMMISSION

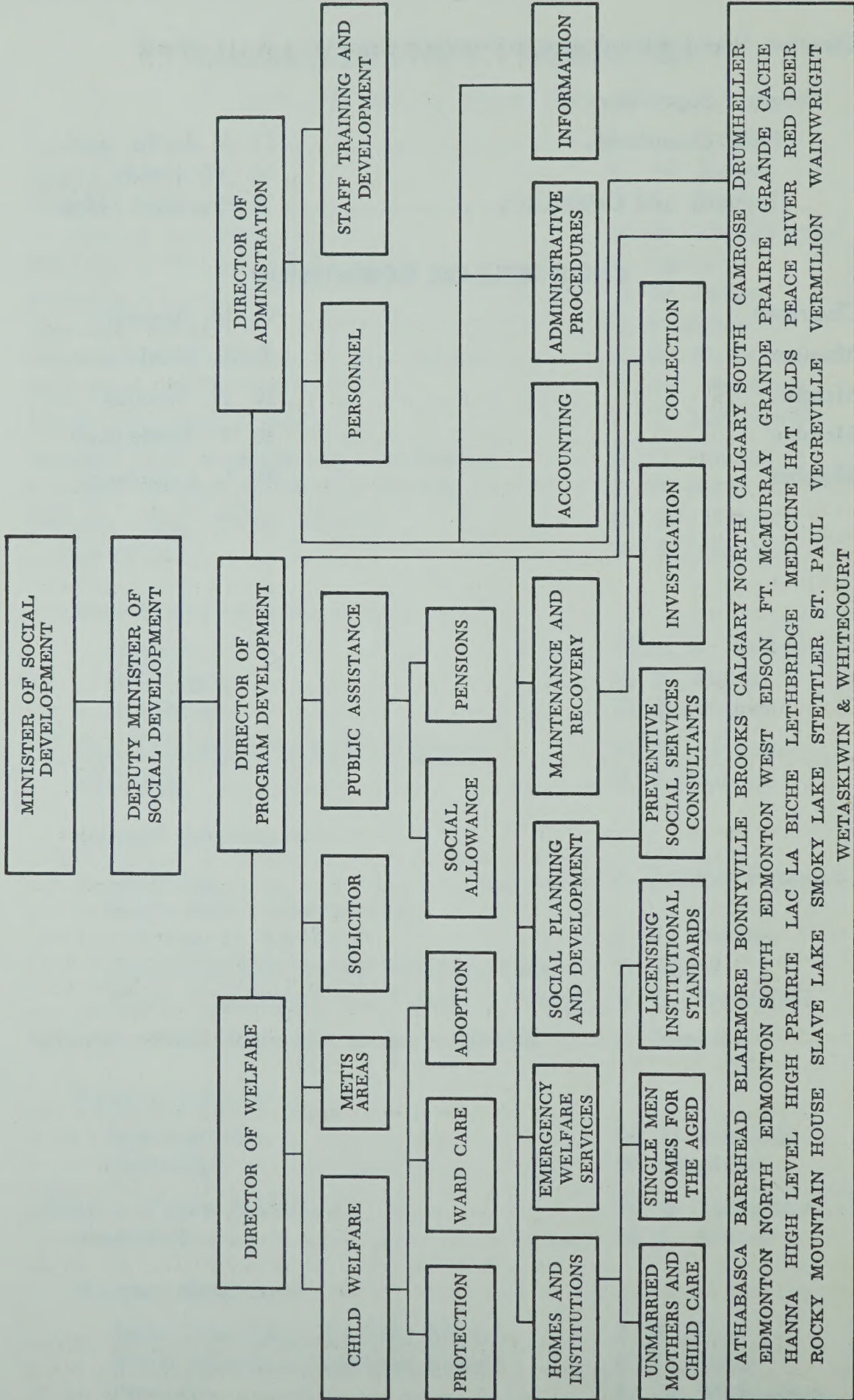
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REPORT OF THE DEPUTY MINISTER

TO: The Honourable R. A. Speaker,
Minister of Social Development:

I have the honour to submit the first Annual Report of the Department of Social Development for the fiscal year April 1, 1969 to March 31, 1970.

On July 1, 1969, the Department of Public Welfare officially became the Department of Social Development.

In the Position Paper issued in April 1969 the concept and characteristics of the new approach were described in some detail. The Paper has received widespread coverage in Canada and favorable comment as an ideal toward which Departments interested in Social Development might strive. The first significant program to carry out the principles of the new approach was Employment Opportunities. This program, which went into its test phase on June 1, 1969, involved leaders of business and industry, the recipient, and the Department. It proved so successful in its first four months of operation that it has been extended to the regional offices in Edmonton, Calgary, and Grande Cache. There seems little doubt that in future the program will become completely integrated with Public Assistance. Further information on this program may be found in the Public Assistance section of this Report.

The second project involving the private sector in the work of the Department was through a Request for Proposal. Basically, the private sector will be asked to propose and administer a selected program within guide lines set by the provincial government. At this time an RFP is being studied for the administration of the Single Men's Hostel in Calgary.

At the end of the 1969/70 year, the Legislature was considering two bills. The first, The Social Development Act, assented to on April 15, 1970, replaced The Public Welfare Act. Among other provisions, the new Act made a distinction between an "employable" and "unemployable" person and the services that may be made available to each. It set out the responsibility of the municipalities towards their residents who are employable and in need of assistance. The second bill, "An Act to Amend The Child Welfare Act", which also received assent on April 15, 1970, made arrangements for the transfer of all responsibilities for the probation and care of children adjudged delinquent to this Department as of August 1, 1970.

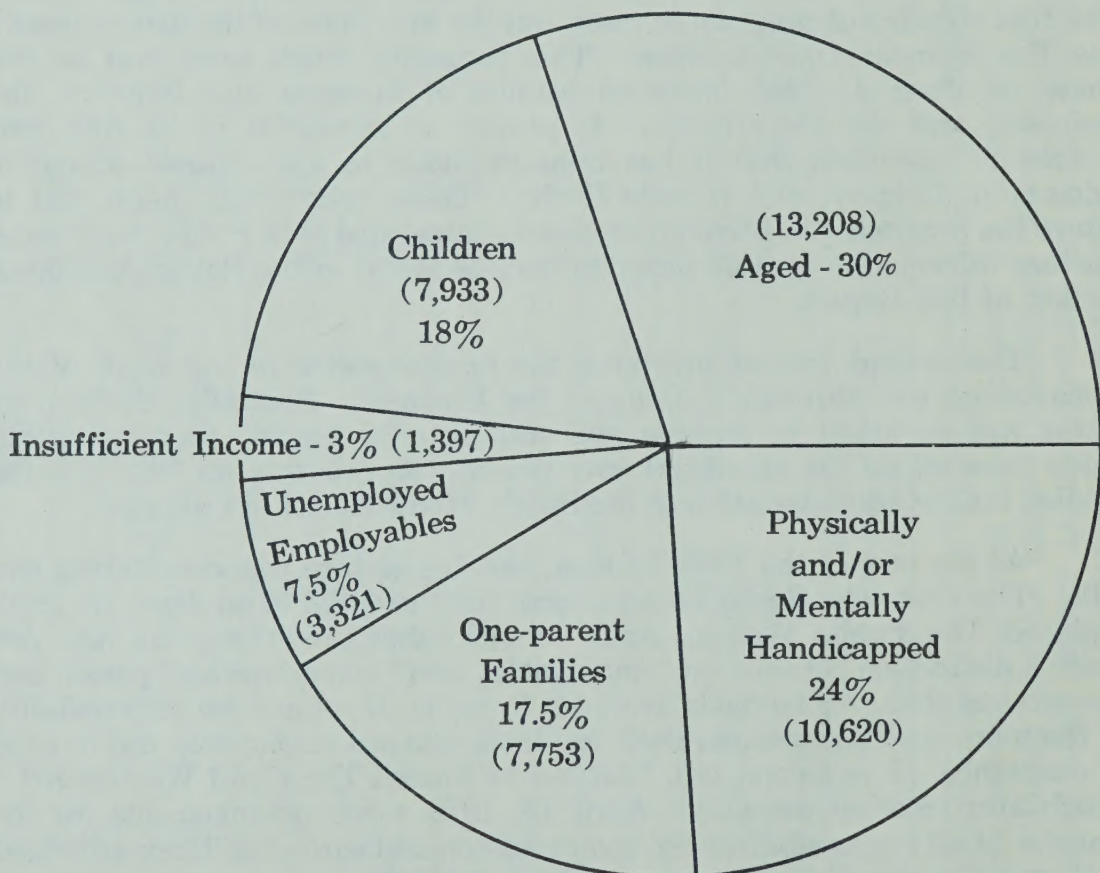
During the next fiscal year, it is contemplated that appeal boards, composed of non-governmental personnel, will be set up to appeal any decision of the Department. Also in the coming year one day conferences on human resource development will be held at Grande Prairie, Edmonton, Lethbridge and Calgary. The conferences are designed to discuss the utilization of the private sector in accepting social responsibility, including the co-ordination of services, decentralization of responsibility for social services and the utilization of volunteers in social service programs.

Decentralization of the Department's services to the regional offices has been a continuing process in the 1969/70 fiscal year and plans are being made for this to be accelerated. To meet the challenges of changing condi-

tions and attitudes in Alberta, a planning component has been added to the Department's services under the direction of a Director of Planning and Development.

On the wider welfare scene, the reports of the task forces set up in January 1968 to study the costs of welfare programs, a developmental approach to public assistance and alienation of the poor should be presented to the Ministers of Welfare late in 1970.

There has been a continuing rise in the number of adults and children in need of the services of the Department during the past year. The following graph indicates the various categories of persons who were receiving some form of help from the Department as of March 31, 1970:
Total Caseload as of March 31.



The following pages contain a summarized statement of the Department's work during the 1969/70 fiscal year. If further detail is required, it may be obtained from the Department.

I must again acknowledge the continuing support of a loyal and conscientious staff. The very nature of our work is controversial, which unfortunately becomes emphasized in times of change or economic recession, both of which we face during 1970.

D. W. Rogers,
Deputy Minister.

CHILD WELFARE BRANCH

The Child Welfare Branch is responsible for providing protection services to children, maintenance, supervision and placement of children who are made wards of the Crown, and services to unmarried mothers.

During the coming year it is expected that services to children adjudged juvenile delinquent will be transferred from the Attorney General's Department to this Branch, and much planning is underway in order to provide these people with a challenging, rehabilitative program involving the Department and the community.

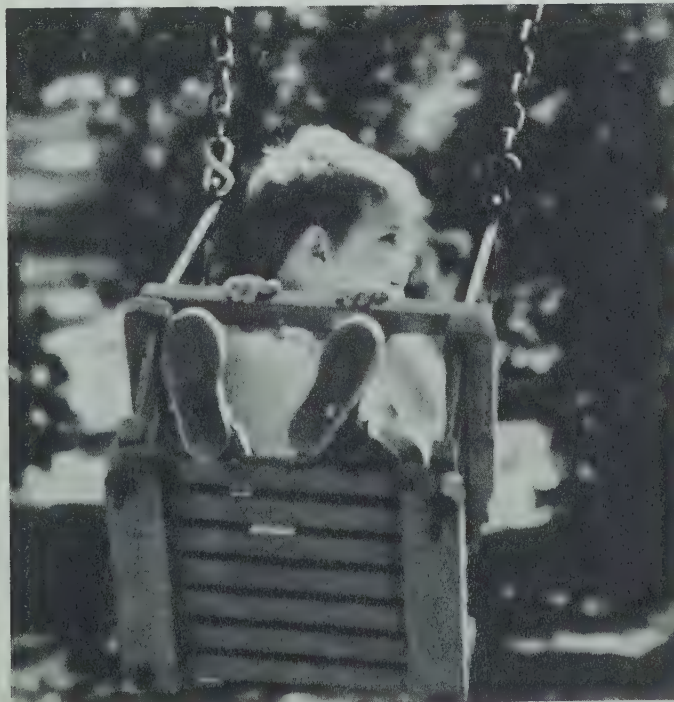
The number of children coming into and continuing in care during the fiscal year was as follows:

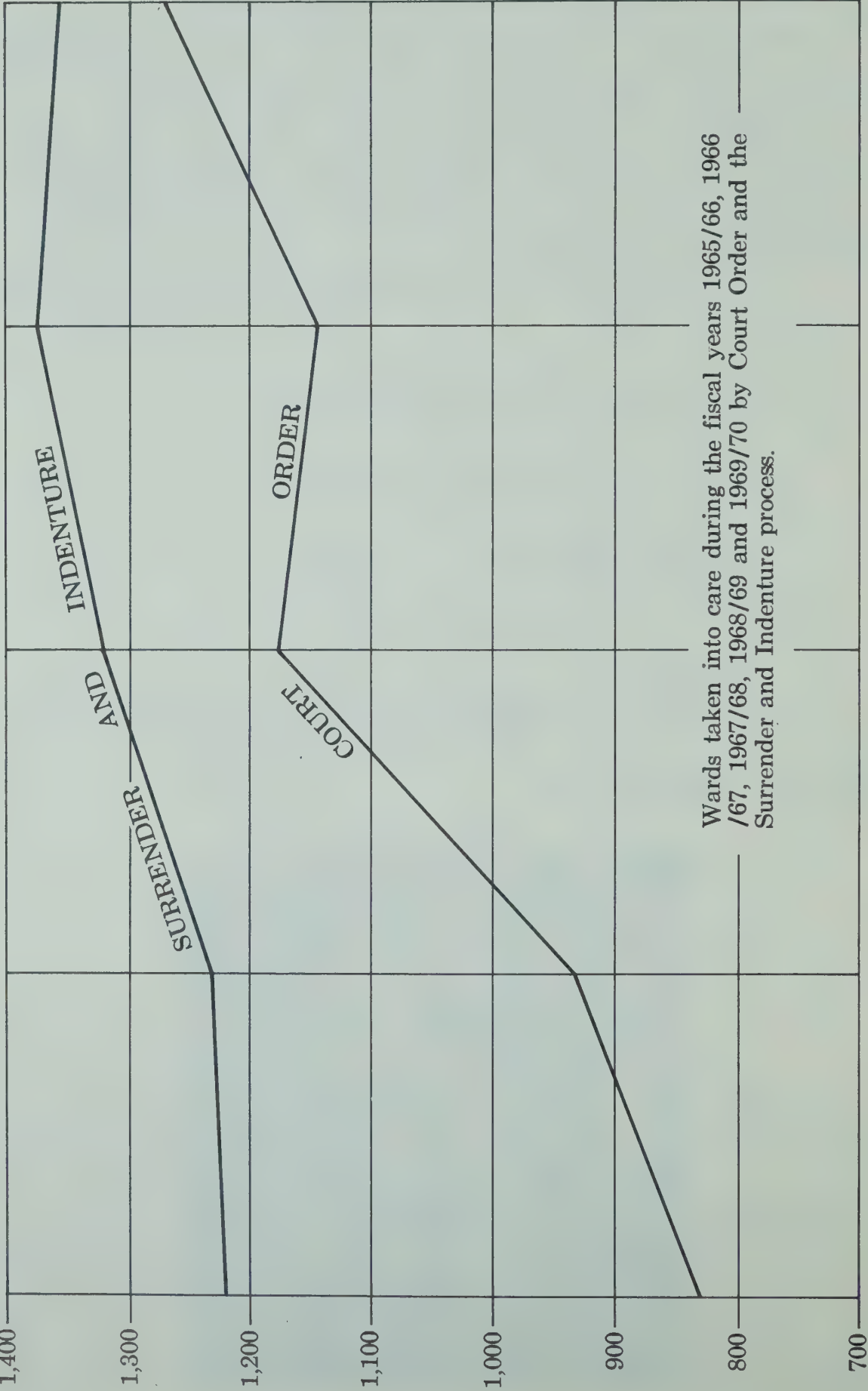
Total number of wards of the Crown on March 31st, 1970 . . .	7,036
Total number of children made wards through the Courts April 1st, 1969 to March 31, 1970	1,263
Total number of children made wards by Surrender and Indenture April 1st, 1969 to March 31, 1970	1,343
Total number of Temporary Wardships extended April 1st, 1969 to March 31st, 1970	1,144
Total number of Temporary to Permanent Wardship	414
Number of non-ward and out-of-province wards in care on March 31st, 1970	280

The placement of children in care, including non-ward and out-of-province wards is shown in the table and graph on page 11.

The Why of Child Welfare

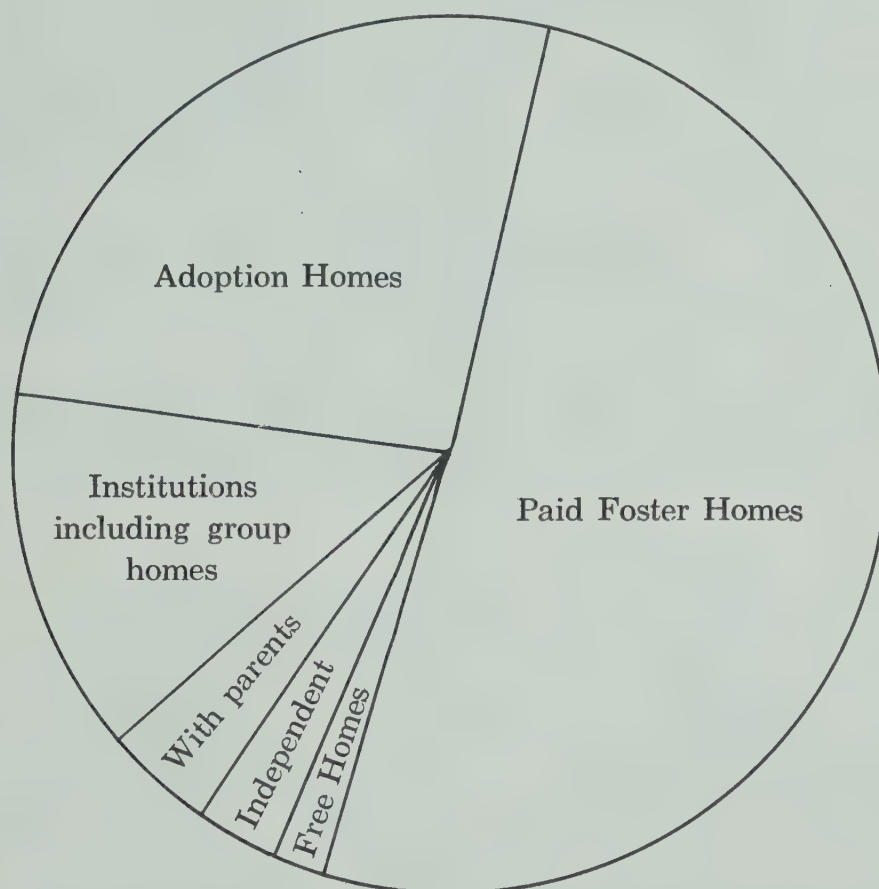
THE CHILD





Wards taken into care during the fiscal years 1965/66, 1966/67, 1967/68, 1968/69 and 1969/70 by Court Order and the Surrender and Indenture process.

Children in paid foster homes	3,761
Children in institutions (including mental defectives and foster homes with four or more children)	969
Children in free foster homes	112
Children in parents' home under supervision	218
Children maintaining themselves	245
Children in adoptive homes	2,011



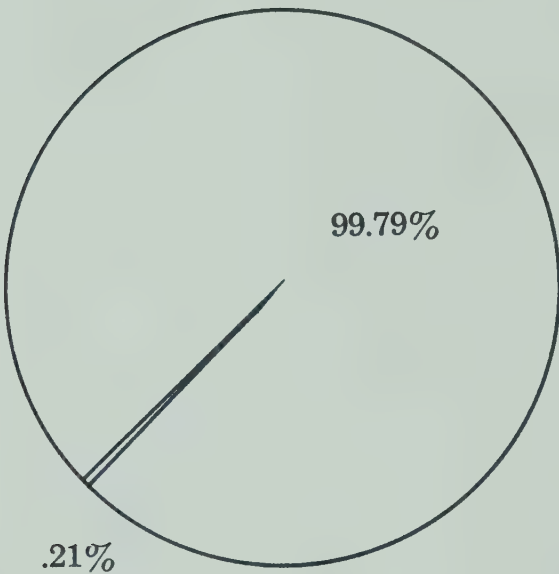
During the 1969/70 fiscal year, 797 new foster homes were approved for the care of wards of the Crown. The average number of homes in use each month during the year was 3,000.

The adoption picture for the 1969/70 fiscal year is shown in the following tables:

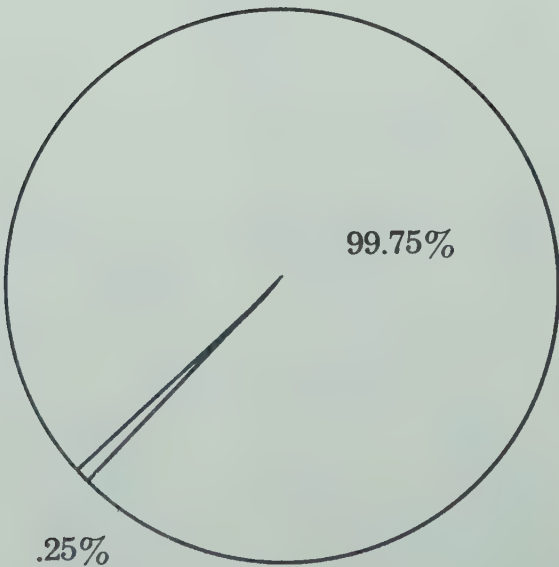
Number of adoption applications received	1,876
Number of adoption applications approved	1,578
Number of adoption applications not approved	15
Number of adoption applications deferred	7
Number of adoption applications cancelled	268

(These figures do not balance because of the carry over from the previous year.)

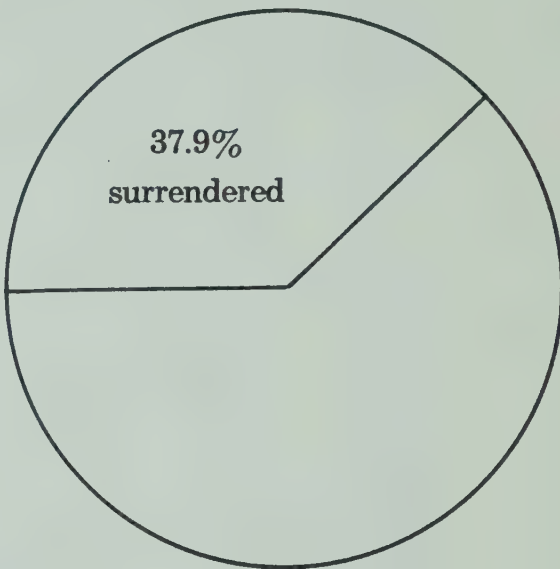
Number of children born out of wedlock compared to total population of Alberta 1965/66



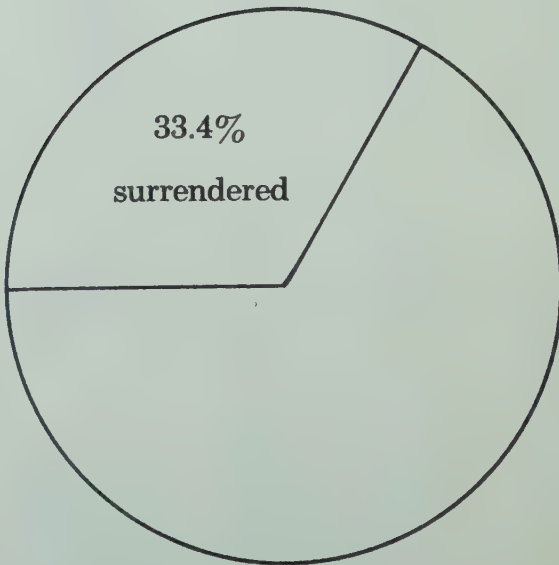
1969/70



Number of children surrendered for adoption compared to total number born out of wedlock 1965/66



1969/70



Number of children placed for adoption by the Department ..	1,476
Number of ward adoptions completed	1,714
Number of non-ward adoptions completed	830

In carrying out its responsibilities to unmarried mothers, the Branch is responsible for providing counselling services, on request, and for all legal formalities when the unmarried mother wishes to surrender her child for adoption.

During the 1969/70 fiscal year the following figures were compiled:

Number of children born out of wedlock	4,020
Average age of unmarried mother	22 years
Largest single age group	15 - 18 years

Total number of children surrendered to the Director of Child Welfare for the purpose of adoption	1,343
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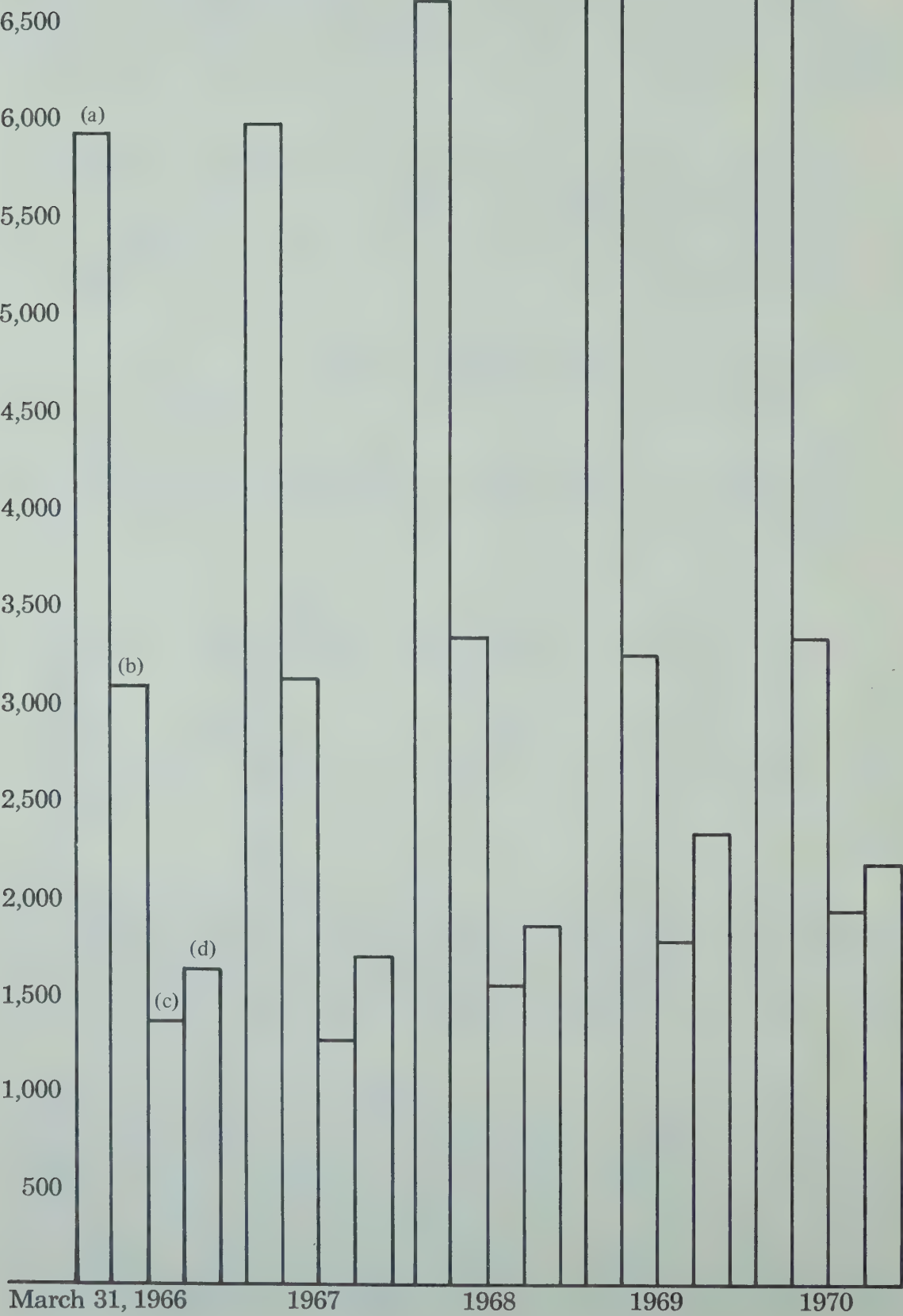
The number of wards in care for the past five years is shown in the following table by status as of March 31st, 1970:

	No. of Permanent Wards	No. of Temporary Wards	No. of Wards View to Adoption	Total
1966	3,055	1,218	1,512	5,785
1967	3,202	1,184	1,579	5,965
1968	3,266	1,482	1,794	6,542
1969	3,196	1,684	2,190	7,070
1970	3,250	1,775	2,011	7,036

During the past year the department continued an active publicity campaign on the placement needs of children in care, focussing particularly on the need for foster homes. The Department is most grateful to the news media, and in particular the radio stations who have contributed free time on a regular basis, for its help in the Department's child welfare program.

At the present time there are nine Foster Home Parent Associations in Alberta. Through their joint efforts a one day seminar was held in Edmonton in the summer of 1969 and one is being planned to be held in Calgary this coming May. These associations not only provide a forum where concerned foster parents may express their fears and desires and give each other help and support but provide a medium whereby the Branch and foster parents may express their common concern for the children in care.

7,500 **Statistical Comparisons**
(a) Total number of wards
(b) Permanent wards
7,000 (c) Temporary wards
(d) Wards placed with a view
to adoption
6,500



PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BRANCH

Two factors in the 1969-70 fiscal year had a major influence on the Social Allowance program. One, the generally depressed state of the Canadian economy had a country-wide effect, which was reflected by a constant rise in the numbers of persons in need of assistance in all categories and in every province. The second, the Employment Opportunities Program, which came into effect in the three regional offices in Edmonton on a limited basis on June 1st, 1969, proved so successful in either returning persons to employment or into training that would lead to employment that it has been extended in Edmonton and Calgary. The employment officer's task in this program is to build up the confidence of the recipient and help him to obtain any necessary training or retraining that will help him to be employable, to contact employers, and to provide follow-up services to both client and employer after job placement.

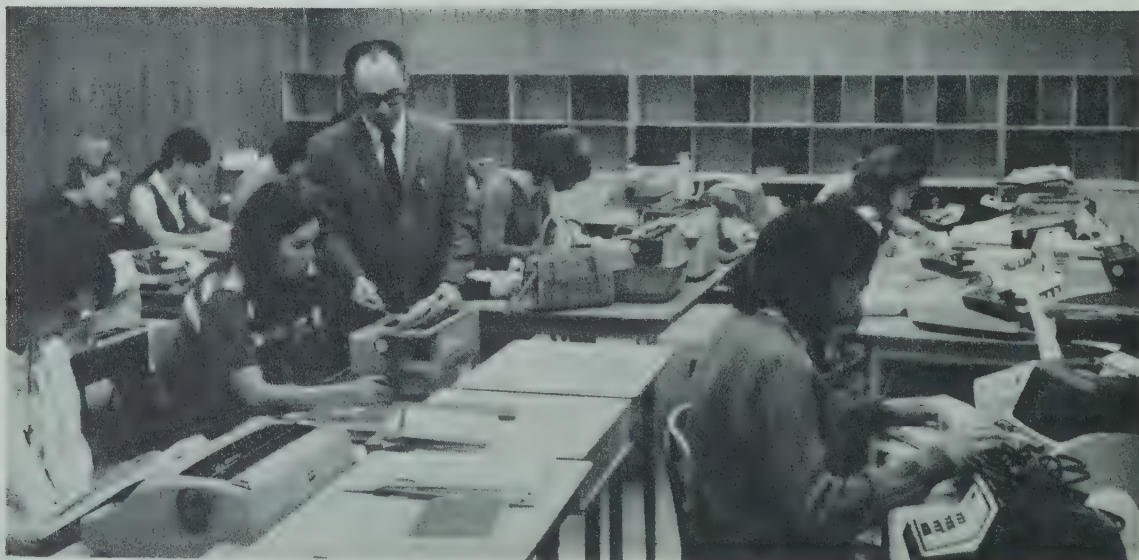
Another significant development during the year was planning for the decentralizing of various functions of Central Office to the regional offices of the Department. This will be well underway during the 1970/71 fiscal year.

During the 1969/70 fiscal year, the following number of family units received assistance through the Social Allowance program:

1969	By reason of age, disability, one parent with dependent children	Employed - Insuffi- cient Income	Unemployed Employables	Children in Home of a Guardian
April	20,680	—	2,111	539
May	20,842	—	1,931	548
June	20,803	—	1,964	546
July	20,927	—	1,952	550
August	19,139	1,108	1,700	538
September	19,842	1,161	1,916	564
October	20,209	1,188	2,103	578
November	20,470	1,237	2,330	588
December	20,798	1,315	2,675	596
1970				
January	20,992	1,352	3,057	602
February	21,164	1,367	3,267	604
March	*21,384	1,397	3,321	617

* The 21,384 figure shown above was composed of 5,206 family units receiving assistance because of age, 8,511 because of mental or physical ill health and 7,667 were one-parent families with dependent children.

Extensive use is made of training and retraining facilities in the community, as illustrated below:



During the past fiscal year, there was an average of 2,030 new or re-opened cases each month, of these 644 or 31.7% were composed of employable family heads. The average number of closed cases each month was 1,605, of which 592 or 32.9% were unemployed employables.

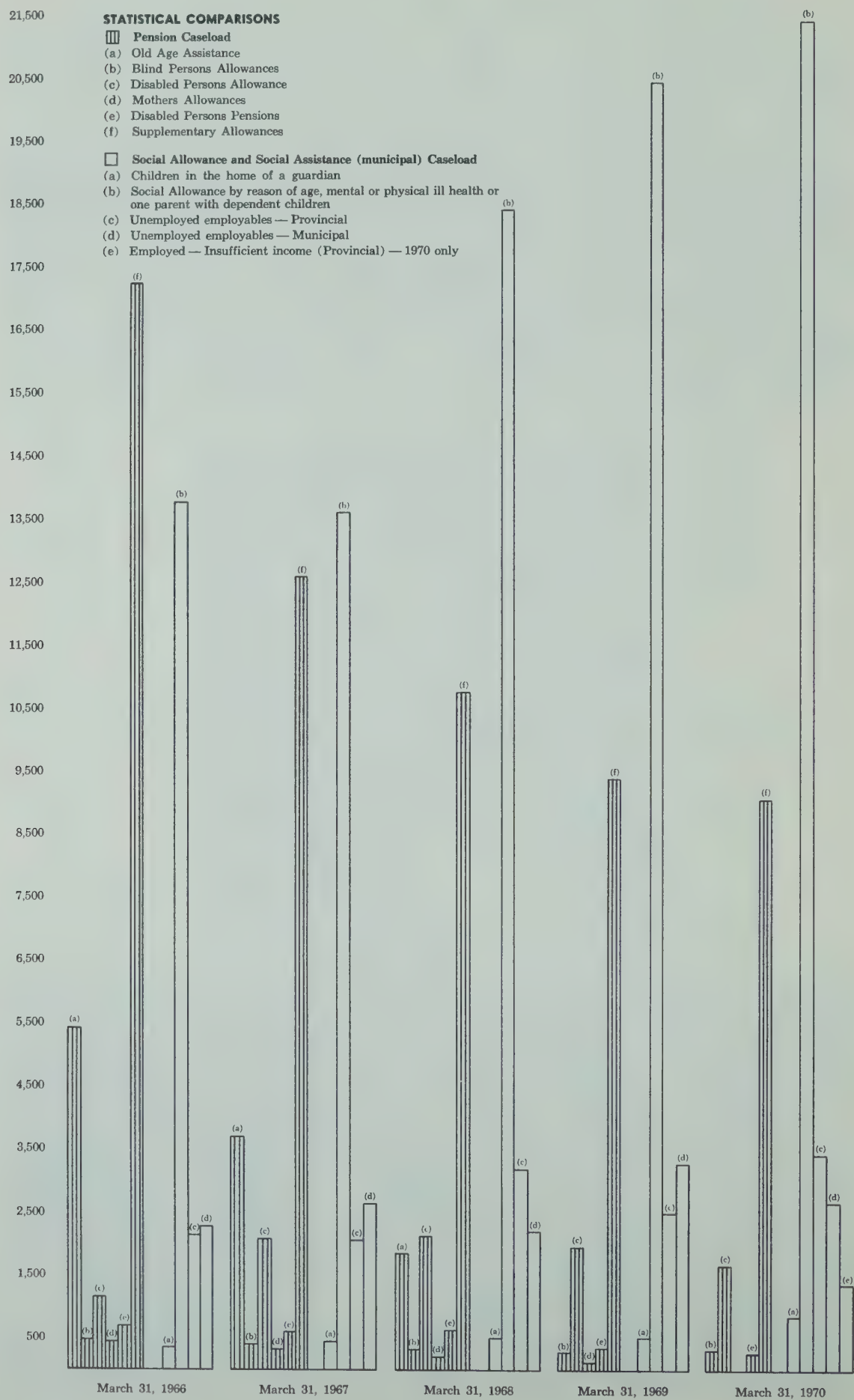
On March 31st, 1970, 2,620 family units were receiving assistance through the various municipalities. During the 1969/70 fiscal year the total municipal financial assistance cost was \$3,375,732.00, of which \$2,700,585.00 was reimbursed to them by the provincial government.

On March 31st, 1970, the following number of persons continued to receive assistance through the various pension programs still in effect:

Blind Persons Allowances	264
Disabled Persons Allowances	1,596
Mothers Allowances	86
Disabled Persons Pensions	249
Supplementary Allowances to Blind and Old Age Security	8,002

The Employment Opportunities program, showed the following results in the first eight months of operation:

Persons referred to program	361
Not ready for employment	90
Placed in employment	234
Employed full time	119
Employed part time — average 2 months	115
Placed in training	27
Declined to accept employment	10
Placed more than once	6
Employed and supplemented	49
Earnings greater than assistance	\$25,873
Savings in assistance payments	56,512
Cost of administration	25,314
Net savings to Department	31,198
Persons in training March 31st, 1970	27
Persons employed March 31st, 1970	119



WELFARE HOMES AND INSTITUTIONS BRANCH

During the 1969/70 fiscal year the Branch continued to meet the responsibilities assigned to it by The Homes for the Aged and Welfare Homes Acts. The following statistical and other information indicates how these responsibilities were met during the period under review.

1970 marked the tenth anniversary of the opening of the first thirty-three senior citizen lodges in Alberta and many of these celebrated the date with parades and other festivities.

During the coming fiscal year, the Greater Edmonton Foundation and the Metropolitan Calgary Foundation will commence construction of high rise housing projects, composed of single and double housekeeping units and lodge-type housing for more than 400 senior citizens. One third of cost will be covered by provincial grants with the remainder financed by the Alberta Housing and Urban Renewal Corporation. The sites are provided by the Foundation concerned.

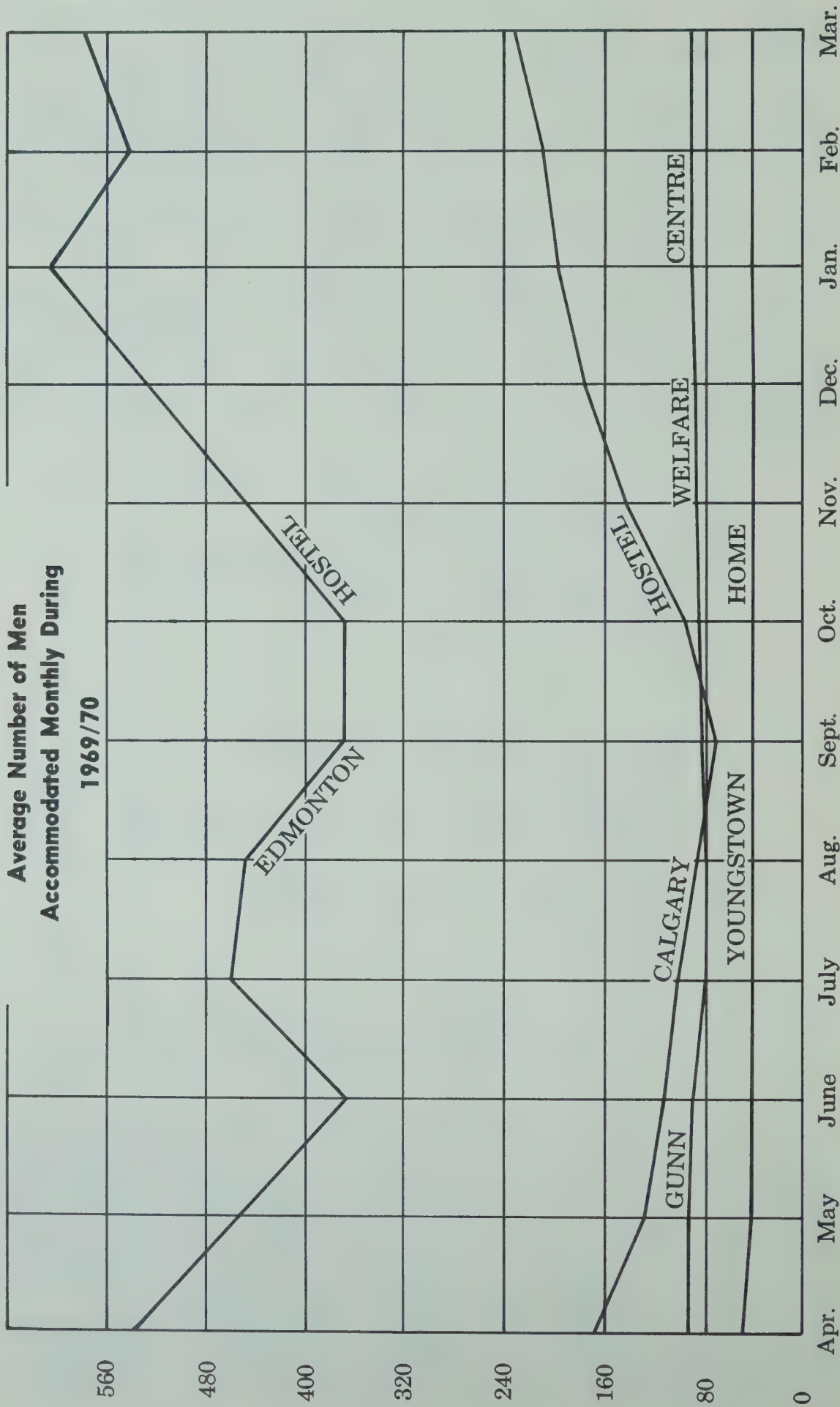
The program, as at March 31st, 1970, had advanced as follows:

Rural homes built by the Department	53
Lodges to be constructed in 1970-71	2
Lodges taken over by the Department and brought under the program (Red Deer, Wainwright, and Sedgewick)	3
Urban lodges built by the Department:	
Edmonton	7
Calgary	8
	<hr/> 73
Self Contained Units in Calgary (completed)	
120 double suites	240
72 single suites	72
44 double units taken over from the Calgary Lions Club ..	88
	<hr/> 400
Self Contained Units in Edmonton (Completed)	
140 double suites	280
56 single suites	56
	<hr/> 336
14 self contained cottages constructed in rural areas with accommodation in each cottage for 8 persons	112
	<hr/> 4,498

The Single Men's Institutions in Alberta include a hostel each in Edmonton and Calgary for men needing help on a short-time basis; Gunn and Youngstown for more permanent care for unemployables and Half-Way House, a house for 14 men undertaking treatment through the Division of Alcoholism. During the 1969/70 fiscal year 3,763 male alcoholics were accommodated for an average of two to three weeks in the latter institution. The following tables indicate the average number of men cared for monthly in the four larger institutions and some of the service provided:

Work done by social work staff at the Edmonton and Calgary Hostels:

Men directly placed on jobs	362
Men referred to jobs and left Hostel	140





Children in
Cottage at
Diagnostic
and Assessment
Centre.



A group
Home Setting



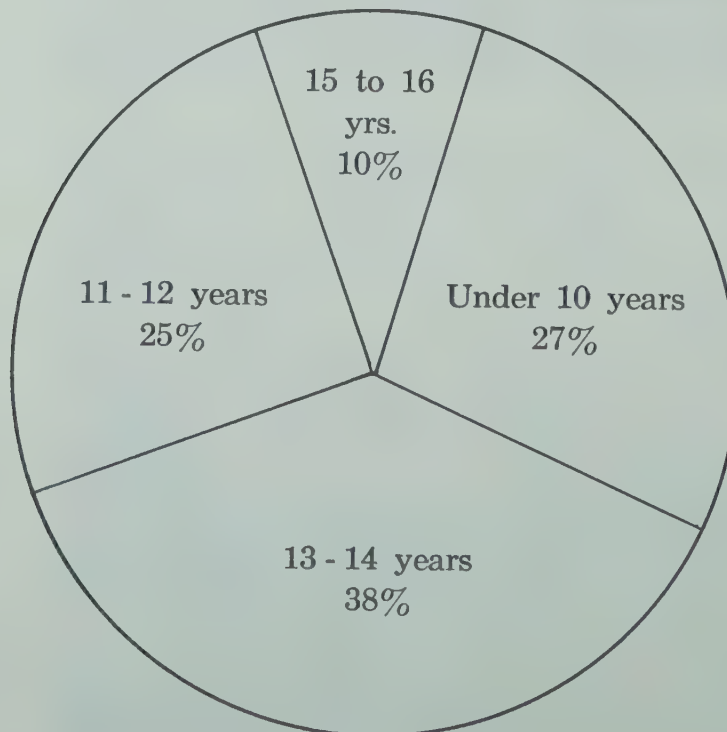
Senior Citizens
at Home

1969	Edmonton Hostel	Calgary Hostel	Gunn Welfare Centre	Youngstown Home
April	549	167	91	49
May	458	132	88	46
June	369	116	85	44
July	452	109	81	47
August	436	87	82	47
September	346	75	83	47
October	348	91	86	48
November	443	137	93	48
December	533	173	92	50
1970				
January	582	195	94	50
February	550	201	93	51
March	566	226	94	50

Diagnostic and Treatment Centre: There were a total of 109 admissions during the past year, with 19 of these being repeat admissions. Of the total 20 were female, 89 male. The breakdown of admissions and discharges are as follows:

Age Group:		Origin:		Discharge to:	
Under 10 years	30	Foster Homes	33	Parents	9
11 - 12 years	27	Adoption Homes	4	Foster Homes	10
13 - 14 years	41	Own Homes	45	Other Institutions	3
15 - 16 years	11	Institutions	26	Runaways	8
	<u>109</u>	Other	1	Group Home	10
			<u>109</u>	Commercial	0
				Boarding Homes	2
					<u>42</u>

Age Distribution of Children in the Diagnostic and Assessment Centre



Six group homes are being operated in conjunction with the Centre, and more are being purchased in the coming year. A closed unit and recreation unit at the Centre are under construction and expected to be in operation by late fall of 1970. Two additional class rooms are included in the closed unit, to be staffed by the Edmonton Public School Board.

Children's Receiving Homes — Lethbridge Receiving Home has been renamed "Sifton House" in honour of the late A. L. Sifton, premier of the Province of Alberta from 1910 to 1917. The late Mr. Sifton bequeathed monies to the government for child welfare purposes and this home was built out of these funds.

In the past year 314 admissions were registered of which 96 were repeat admissions. Receiving home services in Calgary and Edmonton are still being purchased from the cities. Throughout the province in smaller centres these services are being provided in private homes.

Unmarried Mothers' Homes — During the year under review 137 girls were admitted to Woodside Home, Edmonton and 59 to Spruce Cliff Home, Calgary. The percentage of students admitted to Spruce Cliff was 59.3%, at Woodside it was 48.1%.

Plans are being made for Spruce Cliff Home to be converted to a home for juvenile delinquents in the fall of 1970.

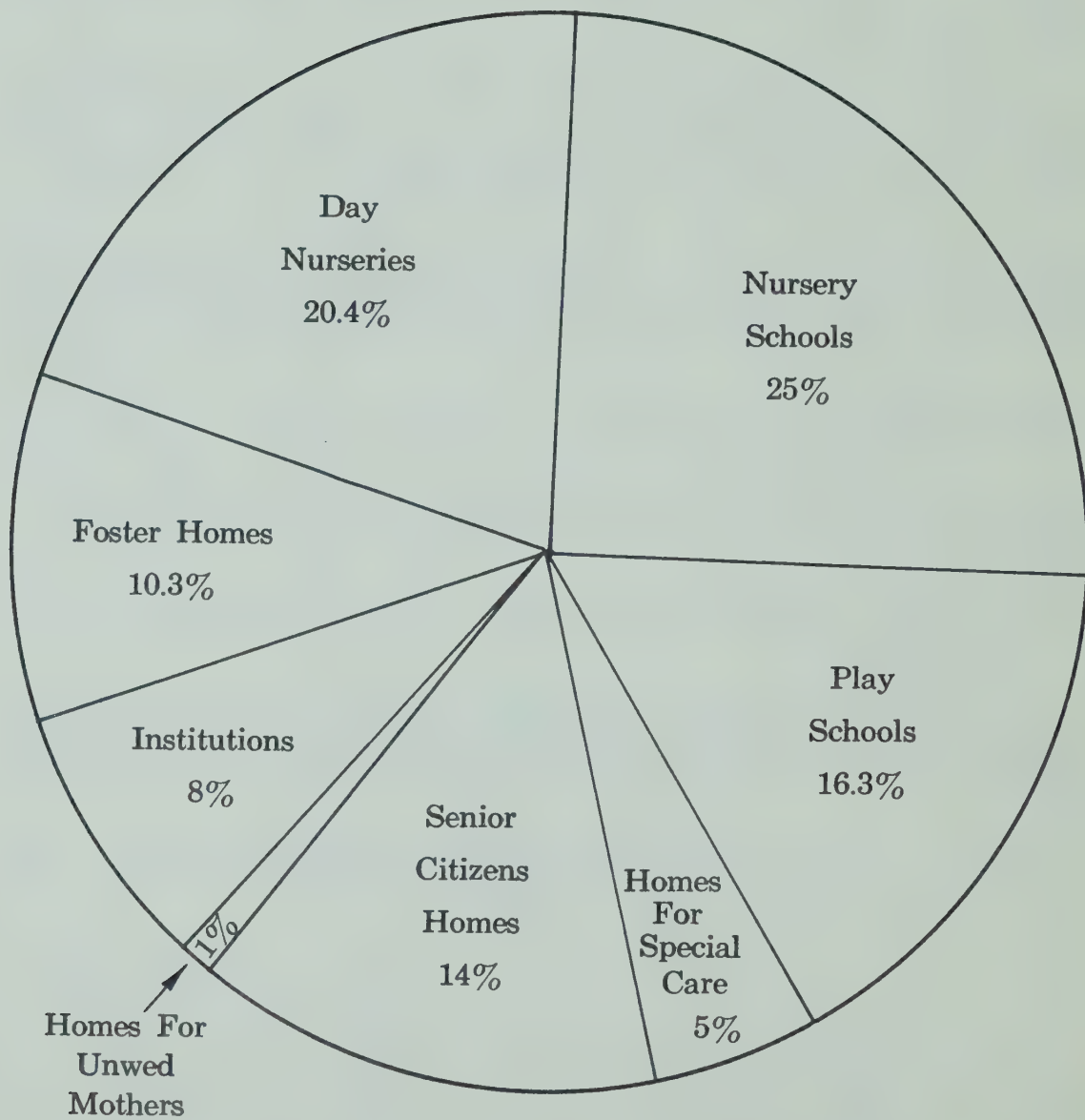
Hilltop House — During the past year there were 596 admissions to Hilltop House of women with severe personal problems, of which 340 were repeat admissions.

Employment was obtained for 236 resident women, 2 non-resident men and 47 non-resident women.

Rosecrest Home — a receiving and holding unit for infants cared for 150 children during the 1969/70 year. Unless there is a continuing disability requiring extended care, no child may be held in this home for over one month.

Licensing — in carrying out these functions, the Branch was involved with the following homes and institutions on March 31, 1970:

	License	Pending License
Institutions	32	4
Foster Homes	43	11
Day Nurseries	85	13
Nursery Schools	104	32
Play Schools	68	9
Homes for Special Care	23	5
Senior Citizens' Homes	57	0
Unwed Mothers' Homes	4	0
	<u>416</u>	<u>74</u>

Licensed Homes and Institutions as of March 31, 1970

SOCIAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BRANCH

In the 1969/70 fiscal year twenty municipalities, or groups of municipalities, were involved in eighty-seven provincially funded Preventive Social Services projects, which included among others:

Day Care Service for children.

Family Life Education.

Parent-child development through a pre-school program.

Family Planning Clinics aimed at all segments of the population.

Counselling services for both individuals and families.

Homemaker services of both an emergency and educational kind.

Community centres incorporating under one roof, Welfare, Day Care, Recreation and Health facilities to make available in large cities services that frequently are difficult to reach for lower socio-economic people.

Community Information Services.

Volunteer Banks.

Drop-in Centres for both youth and senior citizens.

Clubs for senior citizens.

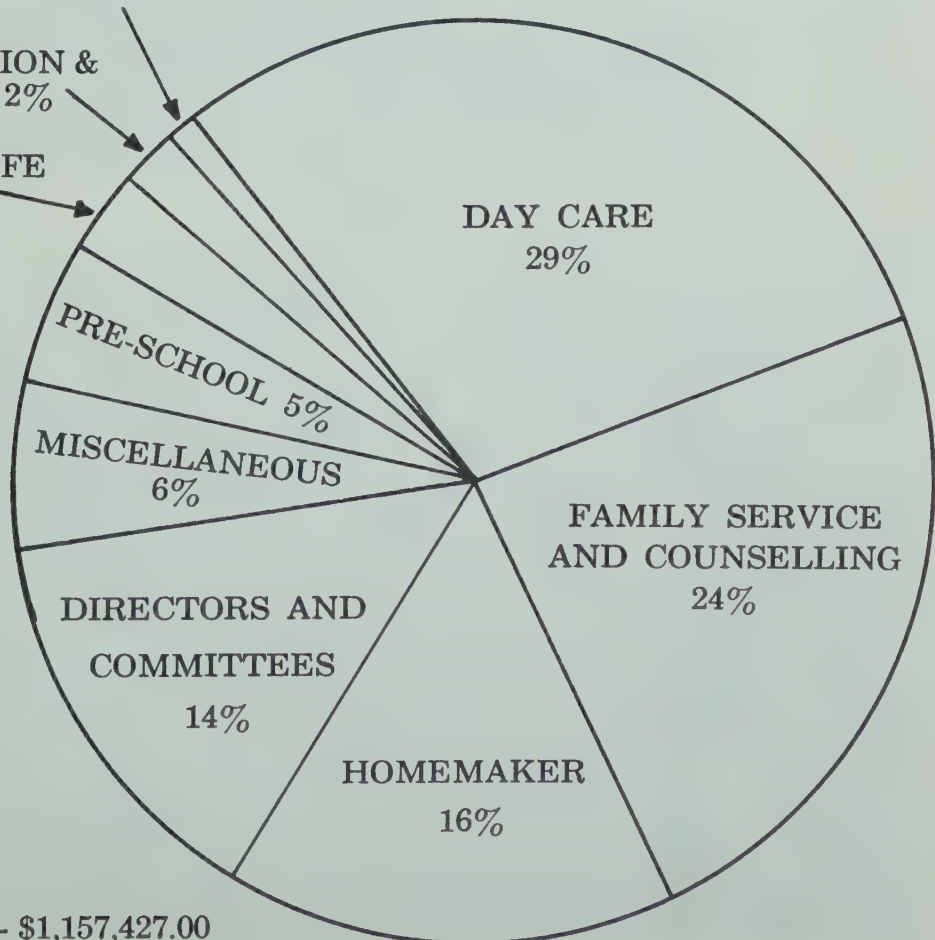
The following graphs indicate the various aspects of the program, including funded and non-funded projects:

**PREVENTIVE SOCIAL SERVICES
FUNDED PROJECTS TO DECEMBER 1969**

FAMILY PLANNING 1%

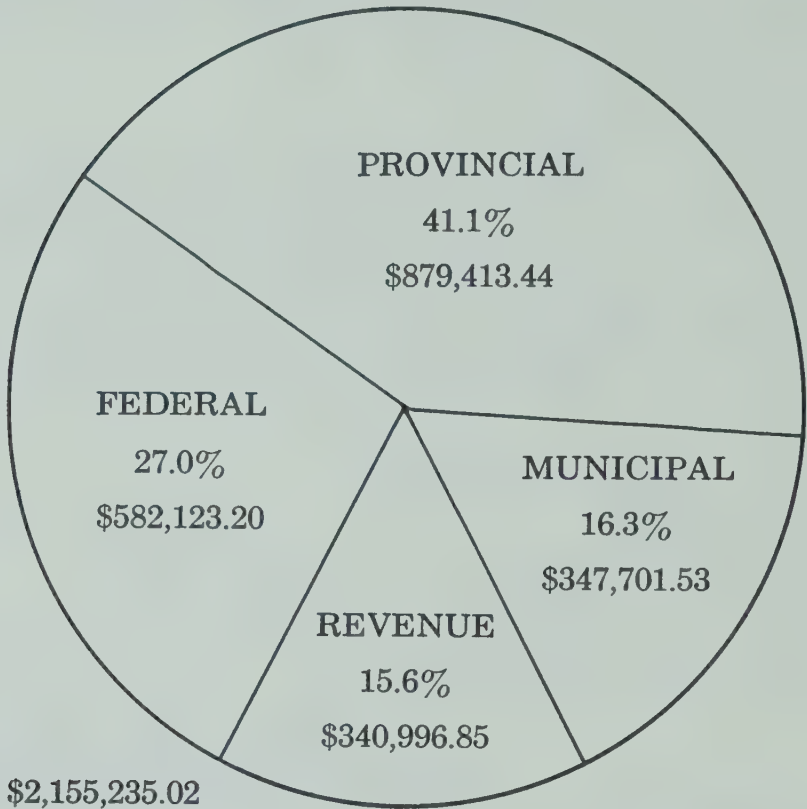
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REFERRAL 2%

FAMILY LIFE
EDUC. 3%

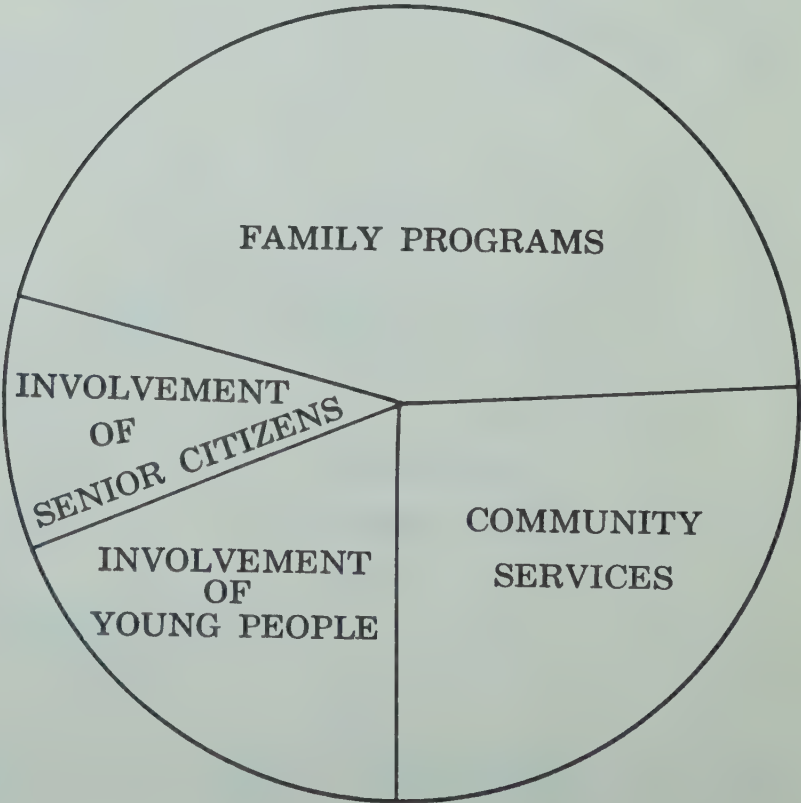


86 Projects — \$1,157,427.00

COST SHARING OF FUNDED PROJECTS
SOCIAL SERVICES 1969-70



NON-FUNDED PREVENTIVE SOCIAL SERVICE
TO DECEMBER, 1970 - 110 PROJECTS

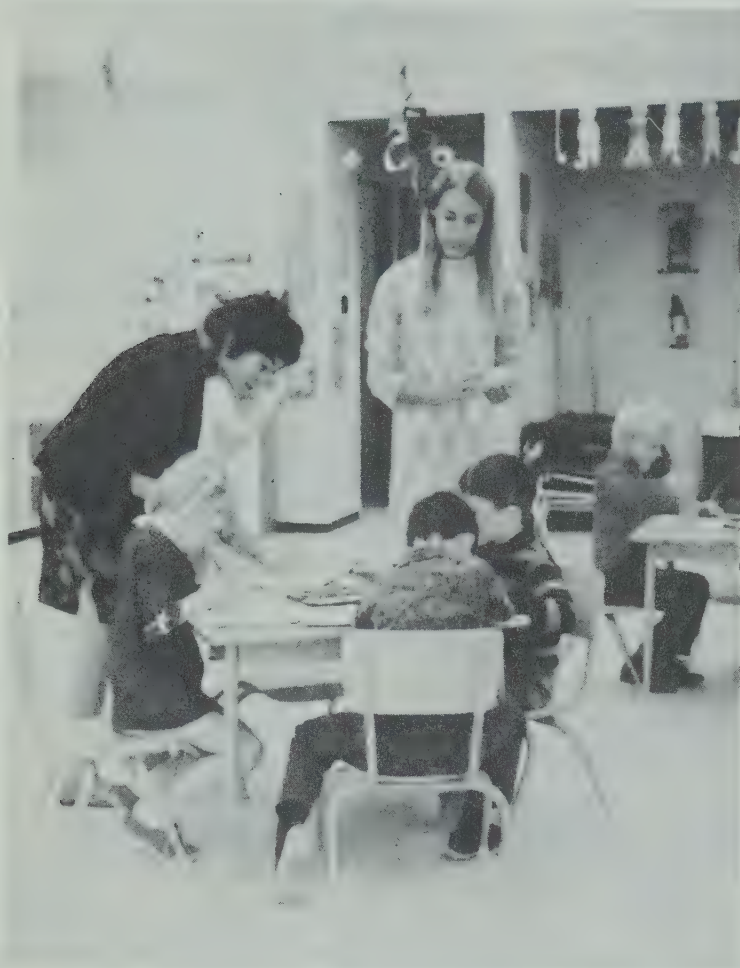


Examples of Non-Refunded Projects:

- Thrift Shops
- Solo Clubs
- Senior Citizens Clubs
- Youth Clubs, such as Philtorz in Edmonton
- Parent-Child Development (Headstart)

Illustrations of:

Head Start Program



Family Counselling



MAINTENANCE AND RECOVERY BRANCH

This Branch is responsible for all the collection and maintenance functions of the Department. In carrying out its duties in the 1969/70 fiscal year, the following figures were recorded:

PAYMENTS RECEIVED:

Received from husbands of deserted and separated women	\$ 626,609.50
Paid voluntarily by husbands to wives on Public Assistance	416,989.73
Received from Putative Fathers for Children of Unmarried Parents (Refunded to General Revenue to offset public assistance issued — \$171,754.25)	337,955.49
Refund of Overpayments and Repayment Agreements	121,624.76
Received from Parents of Temporary Wards	68,470.70
Received under Non-Ward Care Agreements	11,563.90
TOTAL	\$1,583,214.08

DISBURSEMENTS:

Total paid into the General Revenue fund of the Province	\$1,000,023.11
Total Collections applied towards expenses of Unmarried Mothers and their children	166,201.24
Total paid by husbands directly to wives on Social Allowance reducing social allowance payments accordingly	416,989.73
TOTAL	\$1,583,214.08

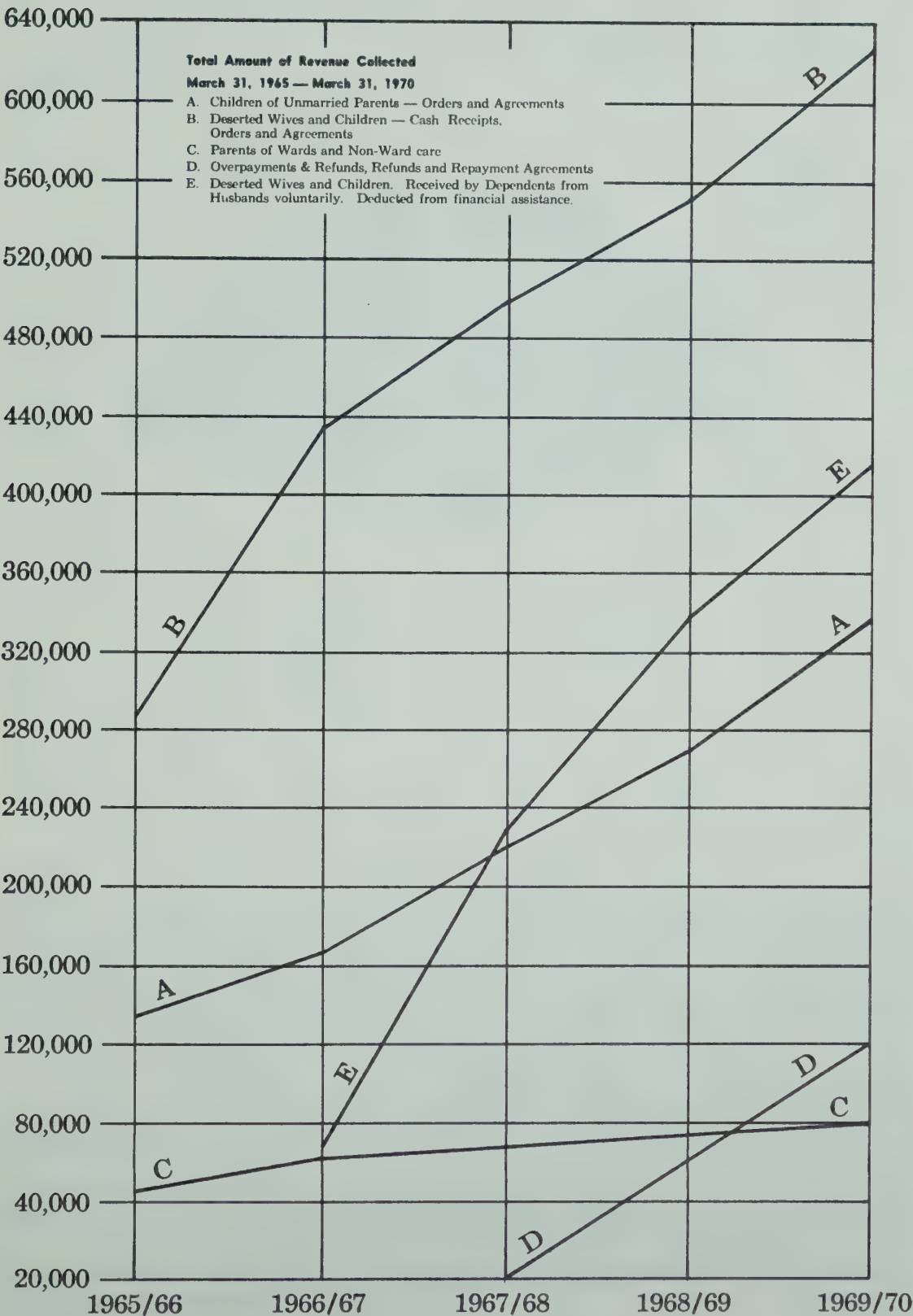
The number of investigation and collection accounts carried by the Branch on March 31st, 1970 was as follows:

	Number of Investigations	Number of Collections
Deserted Wives — Agreements and Court Orders	1,143	3,449
Aid to Dependent Children Agreements	131	110
Children of Unmarried Parents Court Orders and Agreements	2,871	2,053
Parents Maintenance Orders and Non-Ward Care Agreements	—	252
TOTALS	4,144	4,768

The responsibility of investigating and collecting of accounts for Children of Unmarried Parents Agreements and Court Orders and Parents Maintenance Orders and Non-Ward Care Agreements was transferred to a Maintenance and Recovery Unit in each of the Cities of Edmonton and Calgary in December 1969. On March 31st, 1970, these units were responsible for 1,493 investigations and 1,396 collections (these figures were included in the above table).

The following record of revenue collections in the last four years shows an increase of over one-quarter of a million dollars each year.

1966/67	\$ 732,377.13
1967/68	\$1,028,988.63
1968/69	\$1,298,629.25
1969/70	\$1,583,214.08

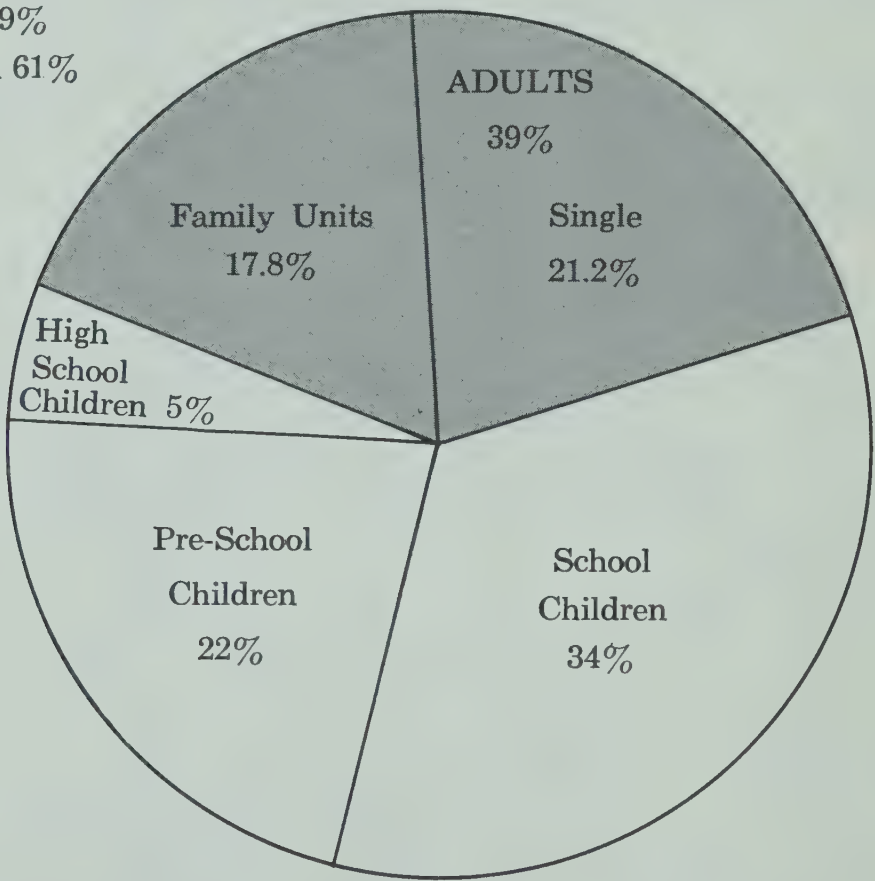


METIS AREA REHABILITATION

The population of the eight Metis Colonies on March 31, 1970 is shown in the following table and graph:

Adults	1,069
School children up to grade IX	954
High School and 1 student each at NAIT and University	116
Pre-school children	660
Total	2,799
Family Units	467

Adults 39%
Children 61%



Agriculture: Though 5,017 acres of land were cropped this year, only 6,750 bushels of grain were harvested owing to very poor weather conditions. Green feed and hay amounted to approximately 2,904 tons. Cattle on all areas have increased to approximately 1,800 head. The estimated income from farming and live stock in the fiscal year is \$119,915.00.

A.R.D.A. projects for pasture and forage:

In 3rd development year at Paddle Prairie (1,900 acres to be cleared and fenced).

In 2nd development year at Caslan and Elizabeth (53,000 acres are to be cleared and fenced at Elizabeth, 500 at Caslan).

In 1st development year at Kikino (1,400 acres to be prepared for pasture).

Earnings from logging in the 1969/70 fiscal year
amounted to approximately \$286,990.05

Earnings from fishing (Gift Lake Colony) \$ 35,900.00

Earnings from work off Colony 376,000.00

Other earnings (ARDA, PFRA, etc.) 265,491.07

Average family income, including financial assistance and
family allowance, \$3,087.00

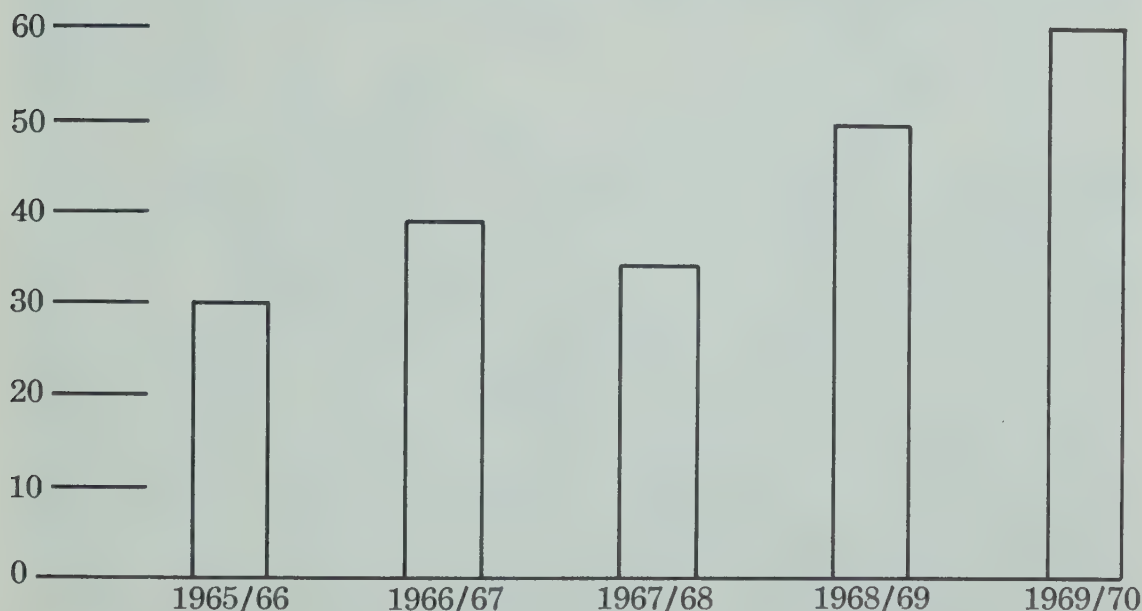
The four stores operated by the Metis Branch showed the following
sales in 1969/1970:

Paddle Prairie	\$ 67,940.14
Gift Lake	72,754.15
Kikino	84,030.42
Fishing Lake	28,557.46
	<u>\$253,282.17</u>

A total of sixty new homes were built on the areas and sixty-five homes
were wired for electricity. The following graph indicates the progress of the
housing program in the past five years.

HOUSES BUILT ON METIS COLONIES

(insulated frame building on concrete foundation)



The houses, when completed, become the property of the settler, if
local timber is used. If lumber must be provided, a \$600.00 loan is granted,
which is repaid over a period of years.

Gift Lake, Big Prairie, East Prairie and Kikino are included in the
Preventive Social Services program, through Head Start projects, which
continue to be of value to the pre-school children. The Recreation Branch
of the Department of Youth has organized recreation committees on several
Colonies and has contributed by way of financial resources for better facilities
for the committees and the communities in general.

A study of conditions on the Colonies is being carried out by the Metis
Study Group. This group is sponsored by H.R.D.A. and consists of persons
from various government departments.

EMERGENCY WELFARE SERVICES

During the 1969/70 fiscal year, the Emergency Welfare Services Branch was involved in conducting or arranging for the following courses:

	Number	Candidates Trained
Municipal		
Welfare Centre Operations Courses	10	223
Provincial — Edmonton		
Welfare Emergency Feeding	1	17 (10 Home Economists & 7 Municipal)
Welfare Emergency Clothing Course	1	11 (2 Departmental & 9 Municipal)
Welfare Directors' Course	1	25 (6 Departmental & 19 Municipal)
Federal — Arnprior, Ontario		
Welfare Directors' Course		3 Departmental
Emergency Lodging Course		2 Departmental

The following Service Heads were appointed during the year:

	Welfare Director	Feeding Chief	Clothing Chief	Lodging Chief	R & I Chief	Personal Services Chief
Peace River Zone	12	9	8	9	8	9
Northern Zone	28	23	22	21	22	21
Southern Zone	26	22	19	18	21	18
	<u>66</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>48</u>

The following Welfare Centre Staff were appointed during 1969/70
(A Welfare Centre is any centre capable of handling 4,000 evacuees):

	Manager Welfare Centre	Feeding Supervisor	Clothing Supervisor	Lodging Supervisor	R & I Supervisor	Services Personal Supervisor
Peace River Zone	12	11	11	8	10	6
Northern Zone	46	37	36	34	36	23
Southern Zone	50	44	39	30	26	15
	<u>108</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>44</u>

Six municipal Emergency Measures Organization exercises were held in the past year, in which the Branch was actively involved, as well as one exercise in the Northern Zone, which included representatives from all departments of the provincial government.

During the search for two children found drowned in the Joussard area, the Branch supplied food to the searchers.

Equipment and forms continue to be stored at Athabasca, Barrhead, Bonnyville, Camrose, Edmonton, Edson, Lac La Biche, Lacombe, Rocky Mountain House, Smoky Lake, Stettler, St. Paul, Vegreville, Vermilion, Wainwright, Wetaskiwin, and Whitecourt in the Northern Zone; at Grande Prairie, High Level, High Prairie, Peace River and Smoky Lake, in the Peace River Zone and at Blairmore, Brooks, Calgary, Drumheller, Hanna, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Olds, Red Deer, Didsbury and Vulcan in the Southern Zone.

A Feeding Exercise in Edmonton



STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT BRANCH

In the past year the Branch continued to provide a service to departmental staff designed at enhancing the competence and effective work performance of staff members. Beside offering orientation and In-Service Training to new employees, emphasis was placed on instruction in management techniques and theories to administrative personnel.

During the year a total of 164 social workers and 22 clerical staff were involved in In-Service Training sessions. Forty-eight administrative personnel were involved in week-long training sessions on management conducted by Central Personnel and 185 staff members were given authorization to attend various seminars within and out of the province.

The Branch arranged and coordinated several information sharing sessions in Edmonton between Central and Regional Offices administrative staff, as well as a three-day conference at Lacombe for all Regional Office administrators across the province. Four regional sessions on Caseload Evaluation, including all Regional Office administrators, were coordinated by the Branch.

To further their education in the field of social work, the department assisted 4 staff members through the Educational Leave program. From this group 2 acquired an M.S.W. degree and 2 completed the first year of post graduate study leading to their degree. Through the bursary program 3 persons were helped to obtain a Welfare Technologist's Certificate from the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology and 2 individuals were awarded bursaries to assist them in completing the first year of post graduate study leading to an M.S.W. degree.

Coordination of field placements in Regional Offices for the University of Calgary School of Social Welfare, Northern Alberta Institute of Technology and the Red Deer Junior College Social Services continued to be a function of the Branch. During the past year 10 students from the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology had field placements in the Edmonton Regional Offices, one student from Red Deer Junior College in the Red Deer Regional Office and 11 students from the Calgary School of Social Welfare in the Calgary Regional Offices.

An Inservice Training Class in session.



PERSONNEL

In carrying out its responsibilities to the Department in the past fiscal year the following figures were compiled by the Personnel Division.

	Social Work	Other
Number of applications processed	761	#—
Number of competitions held (promotions)	27	30
Number of persons interviewed	179	177
Number of enquiries	791	—

Clerical staff applications are processed by Central Personnel.

The number of staff on salaries and wages on March 31st, 1970 were:

STAFF ON SALARIES

Minister's Office	2
Administration	212
Child Welfare	33
Public Assistance	44
Social Planning and Development	5
Maintenance and Recovery	18
Metis Rehabilitation	9
Homes and Institutions	15
Rehabilitation	4
Regional Offices	648
Single Men's Hostels	41
Diagnostic Centre	59
Belmont Hostel	6
Hilltop House	7
Sifton House	15
Spruce Cliff Home	6
Rosecrest Home	45
Woodside Home	9

EMPLOYEES ON WAGES

Provincial Hostel, Edmonton	24
Ogden Hostel, Calgary	14
Youngstown Home	9

Gunn Welfare Centre	10
Rosecrest Home	8
Woodside Home	1
Belmont Hostel	1
Hilltop House	0
Diagnostic Centre	6
Metis Colonies	29
Sifton House	1
General Administration	21

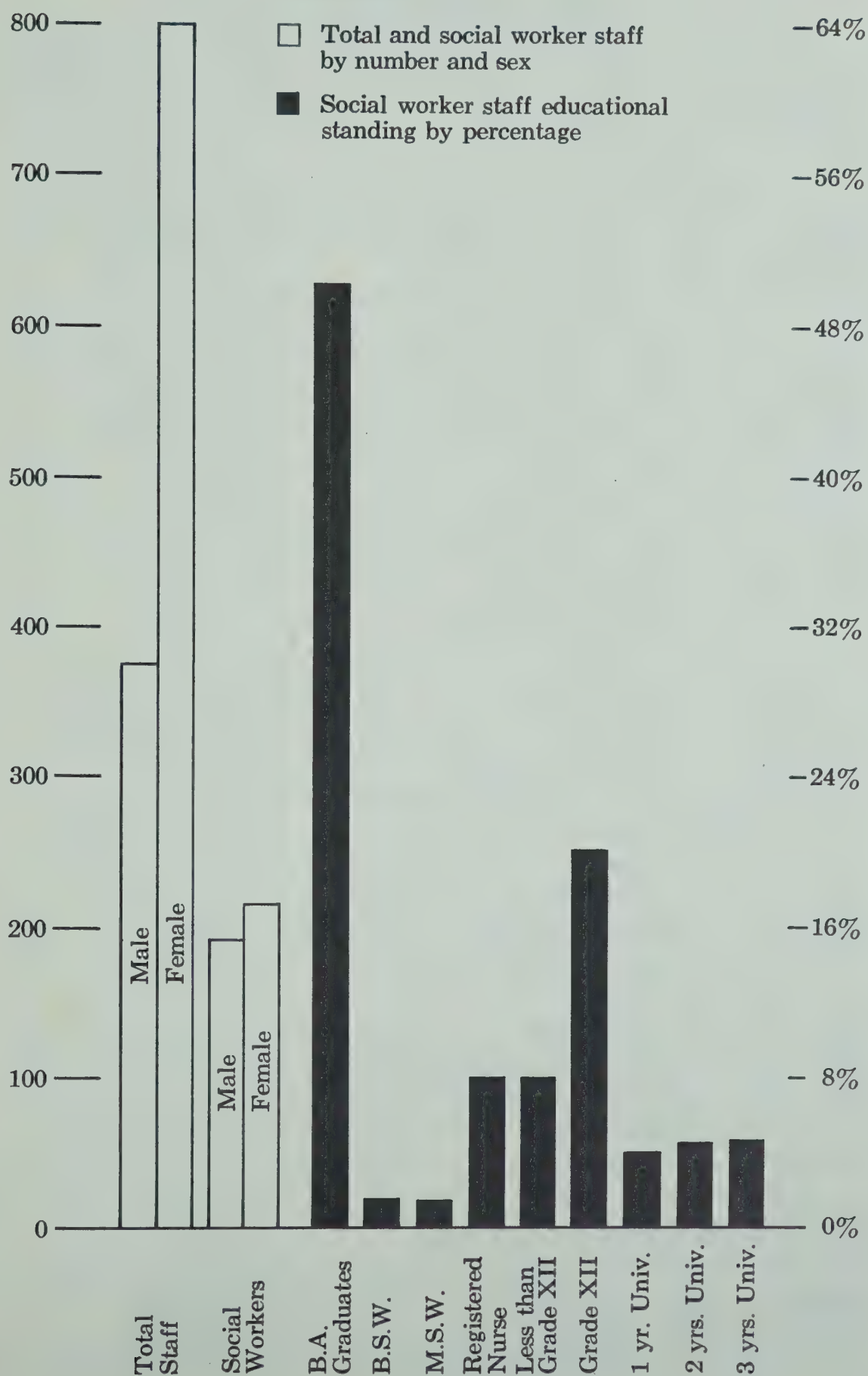
During the 1969/70 fiscal year there were:

Terminations	276
New Employees	358
Employees Transferred to Department	14
Employees Transferred from Department	12
Interdepartmental Promotions	280
Total Employees April 1st, 1969	1094

Employees March 31st, 1970

Male	371
Female	807
TOTAL	1178

Total social workers March 31st, 1970 398

STAFF — DECEMBER, 1969

REGIONAL OFFICES

At March 31st, 1970, Regional Offices for the Department of Social Development were located at the following points to provide services to residents in the surrounding areas:

LOCATION	ADMINISTRATOR
Edmonton North, 10158 - 103rd Street	R. G. Maxwell
Edmonton South, 10455 - 80th Avenue	B. P. Reichwein
Edmonton West, Centennial Mall	A. P. Pearce
Calgary North, 406 - 16th Avenue, N.W.	J. A. Lackey
Calgary South, 1300 - 8th Street, S.W.	F. K. Wood
Lethbridge, 314 Houghton Building	C. E. Bracken
Medicine Hat, 770 - 6th Street, S.W.	D. W. Merchant
Red Deer, 4740 Ross Street	A. Failing
Athabasca, Provincial Building	C. Baergen
Barrhead, Barrhead Clinic Building	R. Meyer
Blairmore, Old Forestry Building	J. A. Campbell
Bonnyville, Provincial Building	W. Wright
Brooks, Eastern Irrigation Building	A. B. Cooper
Camrose, 4705 - 53rd Street	E. C. Ferguson
Drumheller, Provincial Building	B. B. Simmonds
Edson, Provincial Building	G. M. Henderson
Fort McMurray, Provincial Building	D. Fleming
Grande Cache, Provincial Public Works Building	J. A. Irving
Grande Prairie, Provincial Building	R. H. Morrisette
Hanna, Provincial Building	W. J. McFalls
High Level, 1st Avenue, North	G. Halvorsen
High Prairie, Provincial Building	D. Sonmor
Lac La Biche, Maple Grove Building	F. E. Lockwood
Olds, Provincial Building	R. Ruttle
Peace River, Shopping Centre	D. E. Webster
Rocky Mountain House, Provincial Building	K. Scheffler
Slave Lake, Medical Clinic Building	E. M. Gromek
Smoky Lake, Medical Centre Building	P. W. Pritchard
Stettler, Courthouse Building	I. L. Kerchinsky
St. Paul, The Mall	D. A. Higgs
Vegreville, Professional Building	J. Parai
Vermilion, Boulton Office Building	C. Evans
Wainwright, Com-Del Building	L. Anderson
Wetaskiwin, 5012 - 48th Street	G. Grintals
Whitecourt, Government Office Building	T. A. Gaudet

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**Expenditure Classified by Appropriation**

Minister's Office (2501)	\$ 31,286.86
General Administration (2502)	1,163,858.45
Child Welfare (2505)	7,496,578.54
Public Assistance — Administration Expenses (2510)	319,803.81
Public Assistance — Improvement Districts and Special Areas (2511)	147,371.21
Public Assistance and Allowances — Provincial (2512)	48,513,676.78
Provincial Hostels (2514)	691,146.94
Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons (2516)	37,326.49
Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons — Grants (2517)	483,777.00
Grants to Municipalities (2518)	3,694,554.63
Old Age Assistance (2520)	2,636.65
Blind Persons' Allowances (2521)	261,224.15
Disabled Persons' Allowances (2522)	1,535,435.52
Mothers' Allowances (2523)	96,530.00
Disabled Persons' Pensions (2525)	217,277.05
Supplementary Allowances (2526)	1,396,429.55
Regional Offices (2530)	4,404,203.81
Metis Rehabilitation (2534)	807,264.46
Social Planning (2541)	73,093.42
Social Service Projects (2542)	1,374,831.64
Maintenance Orders and Recovery (2545)	144,228.37
Homes and Institutions — Administration (2550)	133,583.10
Rosecrest Home (2551)	273,143.72
Maternity Homes (2552)	105,222.07
Edmonton Diagnostic and Assessment Centre (2553)	463,510.26
Lethbridge Receiving Home (2554)	77,507.86
Half-Way House, Edmonton (2555)	41,760.62
Hilltop House (2556)	48,531.59
Total	\$74,035,794.55
Amount recovered from the federal government and other sources	\$31,800,129.58

Further information on any material in this Report may be obtained directly from the Department of Social Development.

